

September 19, 2019

Sheriff Bob Fletcher
425 Grove Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

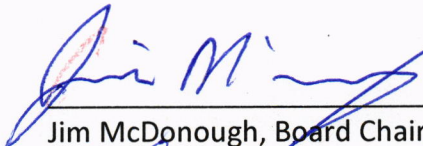
Sheriff Fletcher,

County Manager O'Connor has notified us of the measures he has taken to bring Sheriff's Office spending under control. We support the County Manager's actions and believe he has acted within his authority.


The projected \$2.5 million overspend for the 2019 Sheriff's Office operating budget is unacceptable, requiring substantive actions by the County Manager after reaching a conclusion that no meaningful steps have been taken by your Office to control spending. The taxpayers of Ramsey County expect all of us to manage our approved budgets, and we are accountable when we do not live up to that expectation.

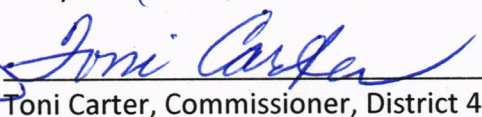
The County Manager's Office will be providing Sheriff's Office financial updates to the Board in the coming weeks, and we will act as necessary to preserve the confidence of Ramsey County residents who entrust us with their tax dollars. Effective communication from the Sheriff's Office to County Administration will be integral to Ramsey County's future success throughout the rest of 2019 and beyond.

Respectfully,


Jim McDonough, Board Chair, District 6


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